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SUBJ: SIAM KRAFT PAPER CO., LTD. (SKPC)

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1. EMBASSY IS VERY APPRECIATIVE OF RAMIFICATIONS OF SKPC PROBLEM, AND WILL COOPERATE TO EXTENT POSSIBLE IN ITS RESOLUTION, ALONG LINES SUGGESTED PARAGRAPH 2, REFTEL A. ABILITY TO DO SO IN ACCORDANCE WITH EXIM, OPIC REQUIREMENTS, WILL HOWEVER DEPEND GREATLY ON ANTICIPATED AMOUNT OF TIME THAT WOULD BE REQUIRED TO MONITOR AND PARTICIPATE IN MEETINGS AND DISCUSSIONS.

2. EMBASSY'S COMMERCIAL SECTION, WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR AND HAS BEEN CLOSELY FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENTS IN SKPC MATTER, FACES POSSIBLY SERIOUS OFFICER PERSONNEL SHORTAGES DURING COMING MONTHS, AS REPORTED REFTEL B, AND RELATED
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MESSAGES. UNLESS THIS PERSONNEL PROBLEM CAN BE RESOLVED

SOON, BY REQUESTED WASHINGTON ACTION, EMBASSY WOULD BE UNABLE TO MAKE QUALIFIED PERSONNEL AVAILABLE TO SPEND ANY INORDINATE AMOUNT OF TIME ON SKPC MATTER.

3. WE WILL DISCUSS THIS WITH EXIM BOARD MEMBER CLARK DURING HIS VISIT HERE NEXT WEEK. IN MEANTIME, WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING INDICATION OF EXPECTED FREQUENCY AND LENGTH OF MEETINGS IN WHICH EMBASSY WOULD BE ASKED TO PARTICIPATE, AS WELL AS PROBABLE DURATION OF NEGOTIATIONS.

4. AS TO CONTEMPLATED LEGAL COUNSEL FOR EXIM AND OPIC (PARAGRAPH 3, REFTEL), WE SEE NO OBJECTIONS AT ALL TO CHOICE OF QUASHA LAW OFFICES AND SPECIFICALLY LAWYER HARVEY A. LEVE. LEVE IS WELL-KNOWN AND HIS QUALIFICATIONS ARE RESPECTED BY EMBASSY, AS ARE RECOMMENDATIONS OF EDNA BOORADY. WE KNOW OF NO POSSIBLE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AFFECTING QUASHA/LEVY, WITH RESPECT TO OTHER LEGAL MATTERS IN WHICH SKPC MAY BE INVOLVED.
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